

**HIGHLIGHTS of FEB. 8, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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**Feb. 20 proclaimed Coldest Night of the Year**

Council received a request from the Campbell River and North Island Transition Society to continue support for the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser. This year, participants will form teams and raise funds in a virtual event. More details at [cnoy.org](http://cnoy.org).

The city's proclamation notes that homelessness affects people of all ages – adults, children families and elderly and that finding appropriate housing is extremely difficult when combined with poverty, addiction and mental health issues.

**BUILDING and DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

- **Work continues on heritage designation for Sybil Andrews and Haig-Brown properties** – To advance the heritage status of both properties, Council gave first and second reading of a heritage designation bylaw. The City has received endorsement from the Community Planning Advisory Committee and will consult with the Museum and Sybil Andrews Heritage Society in addition to holding an online public hearing. These two properties are among the most significant publicly-owned heritage buildings in Campbell River. Advancing heritage status helps ensure they're protected by the highest level of recognition the City can provide.
- **Council considers medical, dental clinic for commercial-four zone** – Council is considering a Zoning Bylaw text amendment to add "medical clinic, dental clinic" as a permitted use to the commercial four zone. This addition is consistent with the Official Community Plan land use designation of Village Centre and consistent with similar service and commercial-based uses in this zone. Council gave the proposed change first and second reading and waived the requirements for a public hearing.
- **Major development permit for 12-unit townhouse approved for 701 Sitka Street** – approval is subject to financial security for landscaping work.
- **Variance approved for major development permit application for 79-unit apartment at 850 Dogwood St.** – The development proposal was previously approved by Council on Oct. 19, 2020. The variance permits a higher retaining wall and an underground parking structure within the rear yard setback. The changes are required so that the building permit can be issued.
- **Council considers rezoning for 2141 Willis Road to allow for 10 duplexes** – The applicant has applied for a 10-lot, fee-simple subdivision for this property. If approved, this would allow for two dwelling units per lot for a total of 20 dwelling units. Council gave the proposal first and second reading and an online public hearing will be scheduled.
- **Remedial action** – The property owner at 501 Colwyn Street has been given 30 days to remove brush, an old shed and lean-to building debris. If remedial action is not completed within the 30-day time frame, the City will undertake this work at the owner's expense.

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**FINANCIAL UPDATES**

- **CleanBC grant application** – The City will apply for funding to support future curbside collection of organic material to be processed at the regional composting facility rather than going to landfill. The new facility is anticipated to open in fall of 2022. Later this year, Council will consider options for service changes and a new contract for curbside waste collection. A CleanBC grant could cover up to two-thirds of the City's cost to purchase collection carts and produce information material about service changes.
- **Island Health to use Community Centre for COVID-19 vaccination roll out** – Council was pleased to ensure use of the downtown Community Centre for Island Health's COVID-19 community vaccination plan. The City anticipates compensation for costs associated with relocating recreation programs from February through September 2021. Recreation staff are actively investigating venue options.
- **Five-year paving contract approved** – Tayco Paving has been awarded a contract to complete a number of City paving projects as part of its annual overlay and repair program. These works include planned asset renewal, surface repairs following utility breaks or repairs and annual road maintenance. The notice was publicly posted in October 2020.
- **Front-end loader purchase** – With 95 per cent of the funding coming from the Transport Canada Airport Capital Assistance Program, the City will purchase a new front-end wheel loader from Great West Equipment, at a cost of \$285,897.58. The primary uses for the loader will include snow removal, general materials movement and loading of trucks at the airport.
- **Support for increased airport funding** – In response to the Airport Advisory Committee's recommendation, Council will write a letter to the Minister of Transport, Transport Canada, in support of a request by the Regional Community of Airports of Canada for increased funding through the national Airport Capital Assistance Program.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- **Special meetings with resource industry** – Building on recommendations from the CR Business Recovery Task Force report, Council will meet regularly with forestry and aquaculture representatives. Quarterly meetings with both industries for sector updates will be held: March 23, June 29, Sept. 28 and Dec. 7. Council also requested a Feb. 23 meeting with aquaculture representatives to discuss the recent federal government announcement on the closures of the Discovery Island salmon farms.
- **Economic Development 2021 Strategic Planning update** – The plan will be developed over several months and reviewed by Council this summer. The plan will confirm how the City can best support current and future business growth, innovation, diversity, and employment opportunities—particularly with changes and challenges presented by the ongoing pandemic. Due to public health and safety protocols, consultation will take place in a number of ways, including online (paper survey also available), by phone and email. Similar to Destination Campbell River's, the economic development plan will be a multi-year rolling strategy and yearly tactical plan.

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**No Camping sign at Roberts Reach 3.5-acre site** – To prevent camping at 1300 Island Highway, an additional sign has been installed along the walkway. A no camping sign was already in place attached to the parking sign on the left of the entrance to the site. The aim is to reduce the need for RCMP and City Bylaw officers to remind people that camping is not permitted at this location.

#### COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

- **Transport Canada, Department of Fisheries and Oceans Winter 2021 Oceans Protection Plan Dialogue** – Councillor Charlie Cornfield will represent the City at this forum from Feb. 17 to 19.
- **Q'waxsem Place Community Advisory Committee** – Councillor Ron Kerr will represent Council on this committee, which will include a range of community and neighbourhood representatives to identify opportunities and resolve concerns related to the supportive housing facility at 580 Dogwood St.
- **Strathcona Regional District 2021 representative appointments:**
  - Municipal Insurance Association (Councillor Cornfield)
  - Municipal Finance Authority (Mayor Adams)
  - North Island 9-1-1 (Councillor Moglove)
  - Homalco Treaty Advisory Committee (Councillor Kerr)
  - Tlowitsis Treaty Advisory Committee (Councillor Moglove - alternate)
  - We Wai Kai Treaty Advisory Committee (Councillor Moglove - alternate)
  - Wei Wai Kum Treaty Advisory Committee (Councillor Cornfield, Councillor Evans - alternate)
- **Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Trustees** – Councillor Colleen Evans was elected to serve on the Executive Committee. Councillor Kermit Dahl will serve as an alternate.

#### LETTERS of SUPPORT

Council approved letters of support for the following organizations.

- **Shelter Point Distillery** –for BC Economic Recovery Program, Agritech grant application
- **Adventure Quest / Quest Water Taxi** – for Provincial Clean Coast, Clean Waters Initiative application
- **BC Hydro** – for the John Hart Dam Seismic Upgrade Project
- **The Wilson's Group of Companies** – in response to a request for a short-term COVID-19 recovery contract with Island Bus Service until ridership is restored, Council will send a letter the Ministry of Transportation urging the Province to ensure people have access to transportation during the pandemic.

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

- **BC Business article on discrimination in mining** – Mayor Andy Adams noted that a Campbell River resident was featured in a BC Business Article on discrimination in the mining industry.  
<https://www.bcbusiness.ca/Discrimination-in-the-mining-business-is-real-but-theres-good-news-too-Just-ask-these-four-industry-veterans>

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**PUBLIC HEARING UPDATE**

- **Temporary use permit amendment considered for Official Community Plan** – This minor amendment would allow for temporary use permits anywhere in Campbell River for up to three years. No community members provided feedback during the public hearing on this proposed amendment. Public consultation and Council approval would continue to be required for temporary use permit applications and extensions. Notification of applications would include posting a sign, mailing letters to surrounding properties and newspaper advertisements. Council gave first and second reading to the proposed changes on Jan. 11.
- **Parking lot considered for 1047 Island Highway South** – Two people spoke in opposition and one person asked questions during a public hearing on proposed public parking on this City-owned property. The site is 40 metres south of Big Rock boat launch and is part of the long-term vision for a Big Rock boat launch expansion plan and would currently accommodate approximately 20 single car stalls. There would be no public beach access at this location, and natural vegetation to be planted along a two-metre setback from the foreshore. Concerns shared during the public hearing included: privacy, security, traffic noise, beach fires, disruptive behaviour from beach parties and decreased values for neighbouring residential properties. Next-door neighbours requested a fence around the parking lot and suggested parking across the street as an alternative. The City received four letters in opposition to the proposed rezoning.

**From Feb. 9 COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING**

**City investment policy** – In response to a report on potential changes to the City's investment policy, Council requested feedback from the Municipal Finance Authority. This will be included in a future report for consideration.

**Asset Management** – Council received the City's first Asset Management Investment Plan, which was prepared under 100% grant funding. This report outlines the replacement value of the City's infrastructure assets, and determines the annual investment required for renewal. Current City infrastructure assets are valued at \$1.3 billion, with up to \$28 million required for annual renewal. While the City currently completes infrastructure renewal averaging \$9.6 million each year, the Financial Stability and Resiliency policy provides the opportunity for increased investment over time.

**Resolution on aquaculture** – In response to proposed changes to the federal Aquaculture Act, and in support of the north island aquaculture industry, Council will submit a resolution and background materials to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

Council endorsed a resolution that emphasizes:

- The importance of aquaculture as an economic driver for British Columbia, particularly on Vancouver Island
- The importance of decisions based on scientific facts and technology, and considering all stakeholder input
- The importance of including language that ensures all decisions on the management of aquaculture on the coast of British Columbia are based on science and evidence-based information, with clear understanding of the advancement in technology and include all representatives of local or regional communities as stakeholders.

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